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SUBJECT: US OPPOSITION TO IDB LOAN TO PARAGUAY

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1. US VIEWS AND INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE NEXT IDB LOAN FOR PARAGUAY HAVE BEEN PASSED TO SWEDISH GOVERNMENT--BOTH TO THE USUAL IFI OFFICE (MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION) AND TO THE IDB OFFICE IN THE FOREIGN COMMERCE DIVISION OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY. OFFICIALS WERE GRATEFUL FOR THE INFORMATION, AND FOUND IT TIMELY IN RELATION TO THE IDB ANNUAL MEETING IN VANCOUVER. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE CONFIRMS EFFICACY AND VALUE OF THIS CHANNEL.

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2. THE IDB FORUM CONTINUES TO PRESENT SOME PROBLEMS FOR THE SWEDES, AND UNDOUBTEDLY WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. FOR YEARS THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF CRITICISM OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE, FOR EXAMPLE, AND, UNTIL THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION THERE CHANGES FOR THE BETTER, WILL FEEL FAIRLY COMFORTABLE IN CONTINUING ITS CRITICISM OR IN OPPOSING CERTAIN LOANS FOR

CHILE. HOWEVER, IN OTHER SITUATIONS SWEDEN'S SENSE OF MORALITY MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT DULLED IN THE DRIVE, CONSIDERED BY MANY SWEDES AS ESSENTIAL, TO IMPROVE TRADE AND INVESTMENT LINKS WITH LATIN AMERICA. ONE OFFICIAL LAMENTED THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT (AND SOCIETY) IS SO SMALL IN CANNOT EASILY ACT IN A PUBLICLY INCONSISTENT MANNER. HE CITED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT SWEDEN COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN A TRADE FAIR IN SANTIAGO, WHILE MANY OF ITS COMPETITORS, WHICH CRITICIZE CHILE'S HUMAN RIGHTS BEHAVIOR, ARE NONETHELESS BUSY AT THE FAIR PROMOTING EXPORTS. WHILE CHILE, AND POSSIBLY ARGENTINA, ARE ESTABLISHED TARGETS IN THE SWEDISH MEDIA, ONE SENSES THAT SWEDISH OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH TRADE PROMOTION ARE NOT EAGER TO ADD OTHER COUNTRIES--LIKE PARAGUAY.

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